

New Administrative Rule Governing Coyotes

Coyotes taken between March 16 and October 14 can no longer be sold, traded, bartered, gifted, or possessed for more than 24 hours. They can still be taken (hunted or trapped and killed) throughout the year in accordance with IC 14-22-6-12 and 312 IAC 9-3-12. In response to the public comments through the rule promulgation process, the DNR proposed a modification to the original rule proposal that allows only carcasses and parts of coyotes to be possessed (retained) if obtained outside the hunting and trapping season. These parts can be sold in accordance with 312 IAC 9-2-3 and to licensed fur buyers per IC 14-22-19. A live coyote would not be able to be sold, traded, bartered or gifted if obtained between March 16 and October 14. Live coyotes can still be sold during the hunting and trapping season (October 15 through March 15) in accordance with IC 14-22-19.

NEW RULE:

312 IAC 9-3-12 Foxes, coyotes, and skunks

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 12. (a) The season for hunting:

- (1) red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*); and
- (2) gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*);

is from noon on October 15 until noon on February 28 of the following year.

(b) The season for trapping:

- (1) red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*); and
- (2) gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*);

is from 8 a.m. on October 15 until noon on January 31 of the following year.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the season for:

(1) hunting:

- (A) coyotes (*Canis latrans*); and
- (B) striped skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*);

is from noon on October 15 until noon on March 15 of the following year; and

(2) trapping:

- (A) coyotes (*Canis latrans*); and
- (B) striped skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*);

is from 8 a.m. on October 15 until noon on March 15 of the following year.

(d) A person who possesses land, or another person designated in writing by that person, may take coyotes on that land at any time. **A coyote taken under this subsection from March 16 through October 14 must be euthanized within twenty-four (24) hours of capture. A live coyote taken under this subsection from March 16 through October 14 shall not be:**

- (1) possessed for more than twenty-four (24) hours; or**
- (2) sold;**
- (3) traded;**
- (4) bartered; or**
- (5) gifted.**